

From: The County Chairman & County Commissioners

Project Overview

We are grateful to Neil Leatherland for his work in engaging the County with Project Overview. A great number of replies have been received and we thank everyone who expressed their opinion through the consultation process. It is evident that this project will benefit from the collective wisdom of all who have contributed to the process. However, it is acknowledged that the initial presentation of just four options caused upset and did not convey the wider terms of reference for the project.

There is agreement that District structures only have relevance as a means of supporting Scouting at Group level.

Some Districts are perceived as successful and from their standpoint they can see no reason to change. A strand of Project Overview is to encourage such Districts to consider if they can contribute to the support of a relatively less 'successful' District. Some Districts as an organisational structure are held together by an intangible fabric woven over the years from the thread of interconnected working and social relationships within the local Scouting community. There is a need to be sensitive but also a duty to assess whether there is a need for change.

The next stage in the process is to carefully consider all the responses and formulate a report for the County Executive. It may even be necessary to further consult with Districts. We recognise that there is a great deal of uncertainty and unease in the County which must be resolved as quickly as possible. However, we are also conscious of the need to make the right decision for our members and the future development of the County. We would ask for your forbearance.

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